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**Group 3700****INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the following information is brought to the attention of the Examiner for his or her consideration during the examination of the instant application.

The following materials were cited in a search report in French priority application No. 98 08972, upon which the instant application is based. A copy of the search report and a copy of an annex thereto, indicating "family member" documents, are attached.

For compliance with the "concise explanation" requirement set forth in 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3), consistent with U.S. Patent and Trademark Office policy, Applicant describes below any comments relating to relevant portions of the respective documents, where such comments appear in the search report.

U.S. Patent No. 2,846,683 (DYE et al.), issued on August 12, 1958, is cited as being a document that is particularly pertinent (i.e., a category "X" document) with regard to the

invention recited in claims 1-4, 7, and 9 of Applicant's aforementioned priority application and as being a document that is pertinent to the general state of the art (i.e., a category "A" document) with regard to the invention recited in claims 5 and 8 of Applicant's aforementioned priority application. Column 3, lines 1-69, and Figs. 8-11 of US '683 are cited as being relevant.

International Patent Publication No. WO 94/23606 (MATICH), published on October 27, 1994, is cited as being a document that is pertinent to the general state of the art (i.e., a category "A" document) with regard to the invention recited in claim 5 of Applicant's aforementioned priority application. Page 6, last complete paragraph, through the end of page 9, and the figures of WO 94/23606 are cited as being relevant.

U.S. Patent No. 5,581,819 (GARNEAU), issued on December 10, 1996, is cited as being a document that is pertinent to the general state of the art (i.e., a category "A" document) without regard to any particular claims of Applicant's aforementioned priority application. No particular part of US '819 is cited as being relevant.

U.S. Patent No. 4,741,054 (MATTES), issued on May 3, 1988, is cited as being a document that is pertinent to the general state of the art (i.e., a category "A" document) without regard to any particular claims of Applicant's aforementioned priority application. No particular part of US '054 is cited as being relevant.

U.S. Patent No. 5,077,839 (KELLER), issued on January 7, 1992, is cited as being a document that is pertinent to the general state of the art (i.e., a category "A" document) without regard to any particular claims of Applicant's aforementioned priority application. No particular part of US '839 is cited as being relevant.

European Patent Publication No. 0 643 933 (BEL SPORTS, INC.), published on March 22, 1995, is cited as being a document that is pertinent to the general state of the art (i.e., a

category "A" document) without regard to any particular claims of Applicant's aforementioned priority application. No particular part of EP '933 is cited as being relevant.

U.S. Patent No. 5,469,583 (AKELEY et al.), issued on November 28, 1995, is cited as being a family member of EP '933.

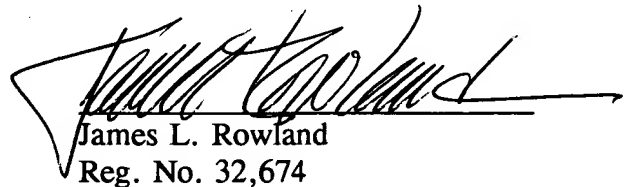
U.S. Patent No. 4,056,852 (GREENDALE), issued on November 8, 1977, is cited as being a document that is pertinent to the general state of the art (i.e., a category "A" document) without regard to any particular claims of Applicant's aforementioned priority application. No particular part of US '852 is cited as being relevant.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98 and MPEP 609, a copy of each of the above-mentioned documents is enclosed herewith. Further, each is listed on the attached PTO-1449 forms to permit the Examiner to indicate his or her consideration thereof.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the documents cited above and to confirm such consideration by appropriately initialling the listings on the PTO-1449 forms and returning a copy of each of the initialled forms to Applicant.

Any comments or questions concerning this application can be directed to the undersigned at the telephone number given below.

Respectfully submitted,  
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